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### **REMARKS**

The Office communication states that the Amendment and Response filed on July 16, 2003 and stamped as received by the U.S. Patent Office on July 22, 2003 beginning with “On page 13, lines 19-20 . . .” on page 2 of 17 of the Amendment and Response is considered non-compliant. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the opportunity to correct this error.

Applicants have amended the paragraph of the specification beginning on page 13, line 5 and ending on page 14, line 2 to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter has been added.

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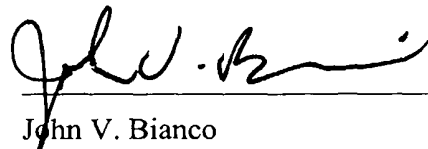
### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of claims 1-21 in due course. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at (617) 248-7870 to discuss any further issues in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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